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Panel Discussion Holds Parents' Attention

Sophomore Representative



MISS DORIS ANN CREAMH

This month the Sophomore class of Montgomery Bell Academy takes pride and pleasure in presenting as its representative for the year 1949 Miss Doris Ann Creagh.

Brown-eyed and blonde, Doris Ann early saw her share of our state, living formerly in Knoxville, Memphis, and Chattanooga before moving to Nashville. Here she attended the local public schools and, after her graduation in '47, entered Ward-Belmont where she served as vice-president of the Freshman class. Now in her Sophomore year at W-B, Doris Ann is maintaining a high scholastic standard in her four subjects, his-

tory, geometry, English, and Latin, and is also a member of the school Tri-Ad Club.

In her spare time you'll probably find her engaged in one of her favorite hobbies—dancing, writing, piano, or taking an active part in the doings of the Kappa Delta Theta preparatory school sorority, in which she holds membership. The oldest of five children, Doris Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Creagh of Woods Hill Road.

The students of the Sophomore class are indeed honored to have Doris Ann as their representative.

Next month the Juniors will announce their choice for class representative.

Creighton Wins Annual Speech Contest; Bauer To Represent MBA In Mid-South

Traditionally MBA has encouraged Public Speaking. Ever since the late 1800's the Academy has felt that a man trained in the art of Public Speaking was a better than average man. In accordance with this policy the school during a period of many years has awarded three public speaking medals. One each to the winners in the Junior School, the Freshman-Sophomore division, and the Senior-Senior division. This year the winners were respectively Harold Bauer, Wilbur Creighton. The speech contest was held in the latter two groups, for a change, at night rather than in the daytime. In previous years the speech contest has been held in the

place of the early morning chapel program. This procedure was done away with in favor of the evening because the school felt that in this way the parents and patrons of the school would have opportunity to hear the boys speak.

In addition to the speech contest the Glee Club under the direction of Professor Rule presented a program. This program consisted of a selection of one-part songs. Because of the early departure of several of the members the last number was sung by an octet.

Mrs. Creighton furnished flowers to decorate the study hall for the occasion.

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The Book Nook

by Bob Bomar

This year the policy of the Bell Ringer has changed in regard to library news. Instead of giving the groups of new books that we receive, we are attempting to review certain books, high on the list of best sellers. All the books reviewed are in our library and are ready to be checked out. It is our hope that through this column you may know the gist of many of our books, and a wider reading interest be established here at MBA.

The first book to be reviewed is *Peace of Mind* by Joshua Loth Liebman. Ruth Liebman, author of the Israel Temple of Boston, is a great teacher with many years of experience in helping people help themselves.

This book may well prove to be a vital book in American life. It is a book that is helping men and women get more out of life. *Peace Of Mind* blends the great truths of religion with the most helpful insights of the comparatively new science of psychoanalysis to guide people to a better understanding of themselves. Love fear, grief, the urge to succeed—these are some of the moods and motives that make or undermine happiness and any man can liberate himself from the consequences of life's complications if there is a basis for thoughtful individual understanding.

This book with its wisely optimistic outlook on life provides such a basis and will help multitudes of people remain normal in this ab-

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Ancient History

Tennison Wins Yo-Yo Title

Amid wild cheering Joe Tennison upset Ben Adams to win the MBA Yo-Yo championship. The event started with four contestants, each giving a one-minute exhibition in the presence of several judges, the consciousness of the refined art of yo-yoing were Professors Rule, Blackburn, and Cornelius. After Ben

Adams and Robert Harrison had given their performances the judges requested that a runoff be held between Tennison and Adams. Adams then presented to the spectators a sample of his art including "rocking the cradle," "the three leaf clover" and "around the world."

However Tennison perfected in deliberate style the most impressive tricks with such grace and agility that he was unanimously awarded the title.

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Bottom O' the Afternoon

By BLUE LARUE

Well, well here we are again. "Go get some water," then go "tootho tootho" on your fife and we'll ask Mrs. B. "What good came of it at last?" ... Saint Nick is really was a success. Now the winners will get a holiday, provided of course they have a 80% average, with not over .1% of a demerit for the last ten years ... Van Ardsale is full of Joy lately ... Open Letter to Mr. Love letter to the School Class; P.S. Piffle. New Item: Dateline Washington Recently the city of Washington has been hit by a series of flash floods centering around the Hotel area. It is suspected that community wells behind flooded houses. Key Club held convention in Washington Hotels ... Huston Horn was torn between duty and Honor. Since he pledged to read the Tennessee he felt duty over honor before because the story of Sam Davis is being run on the comic page of that paper. At last he solved the problem however by blowing his brains out ... Paid Advertisement—Will John Jay Hooker please pay for his chores ... Photo of John Jay Hooker will arrive. John Jay Hooker discovers that he has been grouped with the Junior Class. Gets mad and tells Mr. Sager, "Listen you, when I graduate I'm going to heaven, you'll fall from me." ... Boys return from Florida with empty pocketbooks. Says Ingram, "Well she was worth it." ... An unusual feature of this year's edition of the annual will be a movie spread on the life of Jane Wilkerson pictures. Dick Thorpe has very bad taste in music and goes on the radio to prove it; as Thorpe becomes a great disc jockey Price runs through the audience shouting "The show's dedicated to Marc Helen," while dancing on a wastepaper basket" ... Fitts becomes rich with blackmail pictures taken at Stag Party ... Sharp quits the rifle team upon learning that their fire talents and not playmates on the other team ... Senior stunt great success with headmaster who stated, "Yes Sir, I like like Cremo" ... Lance disappears for four days is at last found in the city dump ... What ever happened to the Senior water fountain? That's easy Wilbur Creighton laid the cement ... Bill Blackett gets a date with that Hubbard gal in a rockabilly dance, desperate move to save his English class.

Right field becomes more dangerous to the baseball squad than an Atomic explosion ... PARDON TO KIPLING:

TOMMY
I went into the Honor Room to chew a piece of Fleers.
The Headmaster's Up and sez,
"We chew no chaw gum
here."
The teachers in the corner they
laughed and giggled fit to
die,

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Key Club News

Composite Presented; Officers Elected

The annual Kentucky Tennessee District Convention of the Key Club was held in Indianapolis recently. Some forty clubs from all over the two states met to elect new officers for the coming year and to participate in luncheons, dances and other enjoyable activities. Frank MBA Dick Carpenter was elected as treasurer while Jim Henley took over as executive secretary.

Among the activities of the convention was the Decathlon in which the Bill Price placed first in the first of the two state group. This competition consisted of such exercises as broad jumps, chinups, fifty and hundred yard dashes, and softball throws. As the climax of the convention, Vaseline oil was available for the making of the most outstanding work as a Key Clubber.

Many of our local clubbers journeyed to Washington, D. C., to attend the annual International Key Club convention. Representatives from clubs all over the United States, Canada and Hawaii attended. The highlight of this convention was the election of national officers.

The Key Club has presented each member of the '48 football campaign with a copy of the composite which will be placed in the Honor Room. This picture is the third of its kind in the history of MBA, the other two picturing the great MBA squads of '26 and '27.

The MBA Key Club recently elected officers. They are as follows:

President, Len Stevens.
Vice President, Bill Bryan.
Treasurer, Bill Estes.
Secretary, Bob McNeilly.
Sergeant-at-arms, Francis Horn.

'49 Bell in Final Stages

Andy Spickard, editor of the '48 edition of the Bell informed reporters for the Bell Ringer that the page proofs for the annual have been printed and appear. Although the pages are to be re-made and the advertisements are all not in yet the yearbook is right on schedule. As most of the students know this annual will be one of the finest ever printed at MBA. Several new features are to be

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A Milestone

The parents' meeting at which four students discussed various aspects of high school life as it is lived by the students of MBA is a milestone in the history of the Academy. Here is an opportunity for the parents to get an overall view of MBA. Not an MBA as they find on a report card or at a football game, but the personal, warm, very real MBA as we the students know it. Here also is an opportunity for the boys to get the views of the parents on many of the controversial issues.

Discussions of these problems should not end in the Study Hall; rather they should carry over to the homes. Only by honest and frank discussions can the problems confronting the high school student be brought into the light and solved. It is our opinion that this meeting is one of the best things that ever happened to and for MBA. In the future we hope to see at least one a year, as we believe they go a long way in helping to solve many problems. We would like to express thanks to those responsible, and to the four boys, Wilbur Creighton, Vernon Sharp, Bill Bryant, and Bob McNeilly, who spoke.

Defeating Our Purpose . . . ?

Most of us have found doing more than one thing at once leads to trouble. From experience we have learned that driving a car and watching girls on the sidewalk doesn't pay. So it is with school work. It would seem, however, that many of our teachers don't believe this.

For example, several weeks ago half the seniors found on the day scheduled for their final exam in review algebra, an English test of some 100 pages was to be given. Some of the boys studied for only one of the tests, causing them to fail the other. Even worse, some tried to study for both, and, as a result, learned little about either and failed the two. True, many passed both tests. However, many NEEDLESSLY failed one or both. These failures were not due to inability of the students; they were due to mismanagement of the well-meaning but misunderstanding instructors. On the day following the tests, the assignments in both subjects were rather light. Would it not have been better for one of the teachers to have delayed the test until the following day? In this way the students would have put twice the time on their lessons and as a result learned a great deal more.

We believe that the scheduling of tests on non-conflicting dates would greatly aid the students and lessen tension between the boys and the teachers. Let's not defeat our purpose of education through mismanagement.

Seniors Install Water Fountain

This year the Senior Class chose for its project a water fountain. This step-on type fountain is placed near the south-west corner of the gym.

A Senior committee was appointed to investigate the needs and possibilities of several different types of fountains, and with the generous help of Mr. G. W. Lovell of the Rock City Machine Co., the present fountain was accepted. After a group of Seniors had dug a hole and exposed the water main, a representative of the Rock City Co. installed the fountain.

The foundation and concrete were laid on March 4 by members of the Senior Class headed by Bobby Bowden and Willi Coston. The first attempt at concreting met with failure, but another try is scheduled for the very near future, when a bronze plaque is obtained.

The plaque to be presented to the Senior Class by Mr. Joe Erwin of the John Bourdier & Sons Co. The plaque to be inscribed, "Drin klo the Class of '49."

The Senior Class is deeply grate-

ful to Mr. Lovell and Mr. Erwin for their aid in this project.

The Class of '49, by leaving this fountain in its memory, hopes that it will be enjoyed by all connected with MBA for many years to come.

BOOK NOOK

(Continued from Page 1) normal age. It is a rich mixture of religion and psychology with a dash of action. It discusses the ills of the times, and formulates a reasonable tolerant faith, a permissive course of action.

Another of our great books is in the High Street Chapel, M. Sheldon. Over 20,000,000 copies of this book have been sold—in all corners of the world and in all languages—and it is an all-welcomed today when it first came from the press.

It is a book for the modern Americans who pledge to follow "In His Steps" for a year, to ask themselves before every action, "What would Jesus do?" Their efforts to apply the basic teachings of Christ to the problems of the modern world, with its problems of personal gain, business ethics, of poverty and unemployment, make not only an absorbing novel, but one which profoundly stirs the soul, carrying a rare spiritual message.

Class News

Grade School News

Miss Thompson proclaims that all carvings on desks must be taken off with sandpaper. Next morning Miss Thompson is horrified to see the paper-thin desks.

The Microbe ended the basketball season with ten wins and no losses. The result of the first ball game was a win for Vandy 10, MBA 1. After the game we asked for a comment from Pitcher Harwell. "My pitches were really curving today but they always curved into their bats," he said.

Peter Moon was surprised to find himself paired with a girl with the initials M.R.B. She has a contract to play basketball with the Phillips Oilers next season.

Sinclair Buntin has started wearing his fur coat now that the temperature has hit 80 degrees. He failed to school barefooted with a sweat shirt on when it was snowing.

Vernon Davis tells us that doctors at the hospital made him run four miles the day after he had his appendix taken out.

The race for the Junior School Demerit Maker's Crown is still wide open but Berryberry seems to be the two hottest singers since Hugh was in his heyday.

Does your face have that hammy look? Then we have the vital question as spring football opened its yearly total of burly men. Among the more critical hospital cases were Coble and Estes, who promptly gained a "Blood and Guts" monicker by distributing both all over the practice field. Others who stayed to groan and moan when they should have flown were Horn, Pearson, and Phillips. Tin rumored that even Cat Wills came up sporting an extracurricular

Current sensation at Monday night Glee Club practice is the gorgeous tenor warbling of W. Phipher. Some have described Mr. Phipher as a virtuoso, which is a slur I hasten to deny. He's really a very nice fellow. Other members of relevance are Gilder, Tammie, Hiley and Sugar-Throat Adams—said to be the two hottest singers since Hugh was in his heyday.

It is being circulated in the local pool rooms that the latest product of the racing mind of Gerald Dixon (assisted by Snares-Evans-Brent) was the recent ill-fated Pyramid Club. Many have asked how Dixon first began to worship the game of chance. Quoth Dixon, "I was all alone back in grammar school where I used to take a track star. I sold racing forms."

With stout night repulsively close the Junior class looks hopefully to finishing as high as fifth in the five class competition. Stars of the performance will be a preview of "The Second Chance," those initials are Phipher and F. Tymo McDaniel, whose beauty was recently hindered by a tan covering over everything but his mouth. Both artists are optimistic, confident and show a remarkable confidence, both have lately taken on long-term insurance policies. Seriously, though, the boys have worked hard and with a little luck might improve on last year's (ugh) skip.

Albert Nisely took one look at Jack Todd signed up for Bar-Bells for the next three years.

Too bad that Freshman New doesn't get in the paper more often.

Sophomore News

Well it's book report time again and the sale of classic comics jumps 70%. JOE WORRALL, BOBBY STROUD, and BEN MOORE agree that the proverb, "Do unto others before they do unto you" works fits perfectly to our world.

Ask TOM JONES, DICK CARPENTER, or EDDIE DECK about the Key-Club convention. We hear that Mr. Carpenter is an authority on Canadian rainfall, while Mr. Jones and Mr. Deck report that Washington was in its highest point of "variety." \$1.25 for balloon seats.

Don't forget to come to the debate next Tuesday night, the subject, "What came first the chicken or the egg?" Prof. JIM CHERRY will be Master of Ceremonies.

CHARLIE McDANIELS will be the negative, EDDIE MOATES will take the positive, JOHN LYNTON will mess with Mr. Inbetwen.

Mr. McDaniels comments "How about the whole thing?" and remarks

"I don't get this stuff to well."

Mr. Lynton puts in his two cents worth, "My two cents worth."

The debate will be held in Zavachas Ale House, Siberia, U.S.S.R. Bring your friends.

Thanks to Mrs. Sims who helped with our skirt.

Attention all boys: (you too WILKINSON) enlist men for the armed forces. If you have more than three arms you will be commissioned an officer. BILL PURYEAR, BOBBY APPY and BOB CHERYL have already joined. It is very easy to join. Simply send your head (neck optional) along with a \$35 dollar bill to BOBBY GRAHAM (the head man).

We usually don't write suggestions in the class news columns but I've got one to make so here goes—why doesn't either Mr. Younger or

Alumni News

Anyone who reads the sports pages of the local newspapers is bound to have seen a great deal about former MBA students. Among these we noticed that Bill Wade was looking very good at the Vandy quarterback spot. Billy modest as ever, refused to comment much about Vandy football but from where we sit he looks promising. Look magazine thinks so, too.

On the rubico Sid Keeble, Kermit Stangle, and Harry Cason are having quite a name for themselves along with Pete Robinson and John Griscom on the golf links.

The Academy's two closest Alumni, Howard Allen and George Blackburn, have turned to spring sports also. Coach is already sending out the flyers for the Kentucky Lakes where they have pound bass. Ole Fess spends several days a week at Berry Field where he is currently flying an F-47 Thunderbolt for the National Guard. In addition Coach is presenting trophies to the basketball teams. (Come on about women Coach.)

While Ole Fess Levy isn't strictly an Alumni he did spend a half year on the Hill. We saw the jolly fellow over at the Sweep Shop the other day.

A few of the boys who graduated from MBA last spring and are now attending MBA returned for the spring vacation. Among these were Thomas Kennedy and Bernard Werthan.

Bob Ezell, along with John Roberts, tried out for football this spring at Western Kentucky. Good luck Bob!

Among the happy MBA freshmen who passed the quarter exams were Billy Vaughan, Al Williams, ——see there must have been another one.

To the out of town Alumni: Let us know what you are doing; write us some letters.

Know MBA—Since the interscholastic league was organized, MBA football teams have won the championship three times. The only other school to accomplish this is Cohn; however one of the years Cohn was declared champion a Maroon team humbled them 27-13.

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Spring Sports In Full Swing At M. B. A.

"MAROON HIGHLIGHTS"

By RASCOE DAVIS

Wednesday, April 6, the Maroon Tennis squad opened its regular season by defeating the Vandy Frosh. The following Saturday on the MBA courts the team faced Baylor. These teams indeed furnished stiff competition to Andy Spickard, John Jay Hooker, Inman Fox, Fontaine McDaniel, and the rest of the MBA outfit.

After the first big wave of enthusiasm for the new MBA rifle team interest seems to have died out. A first despite the small representation from some classes there were, only candidates for the first six most of whom were seniors. The small attendance at practice is, I believe, due to three things: (1) The poor showing of so many of the boys who shot shooting was not too difficult; (2) The fact that East High, range where the Maroons are scheduled to shoot, is so far from most of the boy's houses, and (3) The Wednesday morning English Tests that are currently falling over two-thirds of the seniors now. At the "Y" match in which the school fired, which saw the Red Men soundly defeated, only two boys were present, Vernon Sharp and J. B. Hibbet. Our suggestion is that the school either take up the sport wholeheartedly or drop it completely.

This year's baseball team, with luck, might turn out to be the dark horse of the league. Although the lack of experience will hinder the club, good material is seen in such novices as Jimmie Miller, Randolph, and Bryon, all of whom will probably see action this year. Moreover, there will be Jimmy Morrissey, John Roberts, Buzz Davis, Bob Chickiey, Charlie Hawkins, Don Wade, Billy Worrall, and Jimmy Ray, returning lettermen from last year's nine.

Said to be heading for school in Alabama is Charlie Blackard, most valuable on last year's football squad. Along this line a local newspaperman reported that Bill Joe Erhart is leaving Georgia Tech for Vanderbilt.

Seen blushing at a recent basketball game between two well-known girls organizations was all-state end Charlie Hawkins, who, reported Coach Allen, was looking for new prospects.

According to Fess Hackman of the time when he and Coach played in the same baseball league; Coach managed to get one hit against him. (Fess was pitching) And that was when Fess' finger slipped, causing a wild pitch which Coach managed to duck, but which also hit his bat giving him a Texas Leaguer.

Expected to be the low scores in a comparatively inexperienced golf team are Charlie Blackard, Buford Dickerson, Lem Stevens, Stanley Seat, and Bobby Chickiey. The team is expected to play twice a week probably at McCabe Field.

Stunt Night might not be a form of athletics but we would like to commend Mr. Erwin on his latter climbing ability.

Know MBA—The all-time record for opposing batters struck out by an MBA pitcher is 23. This feat was accomplished by Jim Burge in 1929. The runner-up is Bill Wade with 21. Since Bill was pitching seven Innings, Burge's nine, Wade's record is the most perfect.

Know MBA—The Honor System, so much a part of MBA, was adopted in 1946.

Jim Morrissey

"HE'S LEFT HANDED BUT HE'S REAL"

With baseball just around the corner the editors of the Bell Ring feel that a writeup on the Captain of the Maroon Nine is in order. As most of the students know Jim Morrissey will pilot the Club this fall. Last year Jim was chosen one of the outstanding players in the city and awarded a trip to New York.



On the MBA outfit Jim holds down the first base spot, and does it well too. Any one who has seen this Southpaw play knows Jim has what it takes. Last year in the playoffs down at the Dell, MBA edged out one of the small town clubs. After the game the other team returned to the Academy to dress before starting home. As he waited for the boys to dress some of the men who had come to Nashville with the other club were engaged in some conversation with the own boys. After the boys and the visitor had talked for a while the stranger asked who played first for the Maroons. Upon being told the boy's name the visitor exclaimed, "He's left-handed, but he's real."

Jim has held down the first bag for three years now. He has seen his turned his smile and was sidelined for several games. During this time he helped out by coaching third. The doctor had given Jim a pair of crutches; however, he just couldn't see using them so every time Jim would get up he would get up and hobble over to third. "Nobody's gonna call me a gold-brick," says Morrissey.

The team couldn't have a better Captain than Jim Morrissey. Jim has real competitive spirit and a love of the game—a combination that is hard to beat. Under Morrissey the '46 Maroons should have a good season.

DO YOU KNOW?

How many foreign countries have sent students to MBA?

* * *

Who holds the All-Time high scoring record for Tennessee Prep School Football?

read OUR

Historic . . .

Heroic . . .

Humorous . . .

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Spring Football Promising As Team Finishes Workouts

On Monday, April 14, spring football practice began. About 40 all out hopefuls reported to Coach Allen. Right at the start, the backfield started getting familiar to the tricky "split T" and the line practiced shoulder blocking with the dummies.

Later on in the week "live bait" was used and offensive plays installed. Scrimmages began on the Monday of the second week and through the "blood and sweat" you could see Billy Bryan and Billy Coble firmly wedged to the end posts. Morris Ferguson and Jack Leech at the tables, alongside Bobby Graham and Homer Gibbs at the guards, were fighting to hold their positions. Robert McNeilly with a fierce drive of Charlie Hawkins at quarterback, Bobby Worrall lat a half back and Jimmy Ray at fullback. As yet the left half back is wide open. No breakaway runner of the Ehrhart type has been discovered. Elsewhere Francis Hines is fighting for a guard position and is sure to a guard position and is sure to a lot of action next fall.

The outlook is not by any means dismal and another good MBA football team is expected.

Swimming Neglected In Academy's Sports

In the summer months the swimming pools of Nashville and the surrounding areas are filled with many good swimmers, some poor. However, very few of these summer only swimmers develop the style, speed or agility in the water that they could. The reasons for this are many but two stand out. Namely, the lack of instruction and the fact they swim only off and on through the summer months.

MBA could have a swimming team. Although the Academy itself does not have a pool, there are many indoor set ups that could be used, such as the Y, or the pools that belong to other schools. Instructional swimmers members of this team were MBA boys. Charlie Blackard, J. B. Hibbett, and Franklin Jarman fired in this national competition at the East Range on Saturday, March 19. The national winner was Richmond High School of Augusta, Georgia. The rifle club there is an old and experienced club that was the favored entrant before the firing began.

New competitive rifle line is the local Inter-scholastic competition, which is scheduled to begin the second week of April. Members of the Maroon team who will fire in this contest are to be decided at a later date by competitive firing among the members of the team according to Coach George Blackburn.

Take Me Out To The Ball Park**Baseball Here At Last****Linkmen Practice For Spring Meets**

In the spring many young man's fancy turns to thoughts of golf. And then there are also humans. But seriously, several of the students here at the Academy take to the fairways and greens at the first sign of spring to advance the game. And then there's sport in others. Last year's polo team managed to turn in a creditable .500 performance. But of last year's linkmen only one, Buford Dickerson, returned this year. Thus the golf team is composed almost entirely of returning lettermen. The situation stacks up at this writing, Dickerson, Lem Stevens, Charlie Blackard, and Robert McNeilly have the first four positions cinched. Three of the Sager boys, Ferguson are still in there pitching, and nothing is definite yet. Under the able tutelage of Coach Sager, these boys hope to show the students great things in the way of golf during.

All matches are to be played at McCabe Field this year, and the Maroons face East there in their opening match on April 11.

Moderate Success Credited Rifle Squad

As in all other sports, a newly-instituted MBA rifle team is likely to come to the front in local competition. A Youth Incorporated team of five members was chosen to fire in the National Rifle Association Junior Championship contest. Three of the members of this team were MBA boys. Charlie Blackard, J. B. Hibbett, and Franklin Jarman fired in this national competition at the East Range on Saturday, March 19. The national winner was Richmond High School of Augusta, Georgia. The rifle club there is an old and experienced club that was the favored entrant before the firing began.

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Francis

Mr. Hood has been substituting as coach for Mr. Allen while the latter has been busy with spring football.

The season opens April 7 with David Lipscomb at Centennial number one.

Spring Tennis Now Underway

Now that spring is here and tennis rackets are coming out of the mothballs, it seems a good time to talk on the tennis team.

Last fall the annual tournament was held at the Academy and players came into the picture. It was quickly conceded that Inman Fox and Fontaine McDaniel would be in the upper six players, but a complete reversal took place in the tournament. Burdine Day came all the way from a first round victory to the finals where he lost to John Jay Hooker. In doing so he defeated McDaniel, who had received a first round bye in the quarterfinals. Fox, who likewise had a first round bye in the semifinals, Roscoe Davis also forged his way into the tennis picture by joining Hooker, Fox and Buzz Davis in the semifinals. Andy Spickard didn't compete because of football.

Personality of the Month

by Gilbert Templeton



CHARLES BLACKARD

Ladies and Gentlemen!

Presenting the most wonderful thing at MBA—Blackard. It walks, it talks, it crawls on its belly like a reptile. It is none other than Senior Charlie Blackard. This is the cute little boy who has kept Nashville in a whirlwind since way back '31. He is the one who has more Don Juan than any other man in the world except John Jay Hooher.

This cunning little fellow entered MBA in his freshman year. There he took just 7 subjects to get into the swing of things. He was always on the Honor Roll. He got in good with Mr. Hackman by playing "B" team football and basketball. Mr. Headmaster was also his good buddy.

His sophomore year was the year of years although he took 6 freshman subjects and one sophomore subject. But he was still on the Honor Roll. Mr. Headmaster was a real buddy. He again played football on the Cootes. His position was way back on left end. With Jarman as his manager things began to look up in his junior term. Immediately Jarman got a position on the Honor Council. His grades experienced a slight drop from about 92 to around 92. Mrs. B. will do that.

This year has also been exciting. Of course Charlie was on the Varsity, playing quarterback. For his excellent work he was chosen most valuable. In order to show off his legs he placed first in the base-kethall that won him many more honors. In addition Charlie is playing on the golf team.

I think everybody knows Charlie by the one eye in the center of his forehead. And they all love him for his wonderful advice to those in love troubles.

His favorite hobby is Emily Fletcher and emu words. His favorite food is anything on a plate. His hardest subject isn't English—English is impossible. His favorite is math—he loves Eddie Arnold singing "Baby I Got Other Fish to Fry."

And so as we say farewell to eg-head we see him happily playing jacks on Cremo's desk.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

Haven't got but just a minute. It seems like Vandy takes away all my spare time; excepting the few minutes I take out to read the Bell Ringer. I am a member of the Class of '32. Alumni can't find time to express their thanks as often as they would like, and I'm no exception. Until I can, let this suffice. Thanks a lot.

Roy Miles
Vanderbilt U.

Know MBA—The Bell Ringer was first published in 1944, replacing a smaller publication, The Montgomery Bell News.

Our Historic, Heroic, Humorous Past

by John Adams & Hank Fitts

The other morning in assembly Coach spoke to the students of the traditions behind the Academy. In his talk Coach Alford told us of a collection of MBA catalogues dating back to 1875. The following information was found in the issue for 1910-1911. The cost of attendance at MBA was \$25 payable in advance. In regard to admission the catalogue says, "Suitable stables are provided in which pupils can place their horses and carriages." While MBA was not a boarding school, students came from near and far to attend classes at the Academy. These students boarded with families living near the campus. Of board the catalogue says, "Board can be obtained in good farms in the neighborhood of the school at prices varying from \$16 to \$20 per month, food and light included."

Even in those days MBA believed in an stressed public speaking with a "Contest for elocution Metals" set for Friday, January 19, 1912.

Did I say that students came from near and far? Indeed at least three foreign countries sent students to the Hill A. Academy of Guatemala, Costa Rica, Panama, Columbia, M. de la Fuente of Nadares, Mexico. In addition boys from Tenn., Ind., Ky., Ala., Md., Ark., Ill., Tex., La., Va., Fla., N.Y., Mich., Miss., Mass., Ga., and S.C. attended classes at Montgomery Bell.

SPRING TENNIS
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Coach Rule plans to schedule matches with nearby mid-South teams such as S.M.A., Castle Heights and C. C. A. The three day trip first to Chattanooga, where McCallie and Baylor will be host to the Maroons, and then on to Darlington School where they will meet the Tigers.

A local tennis league is in the planning stage and if this project develops MBA will be a member team.

Prospects are very bright for a strong team and another good year for the tennis squad.

BELL COMPLETED

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introduced in this year's Bell, while the old one's have been revamped. Many thank yous are due to the students both on and off the annual staff who have helped to make the Bell possible.

SPEECH CONTEST

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The medals will be awarded the winners at commencement at which time they will again repeat their talks.

In addition to the MBA contest Bauer will speak in the Mid-South contest and is expected to represent the Academy in fine style.

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